

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Clara Sayler was born on December 24, 1916, to Henry and Elizabeth Sayler; and

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Clara married Calvin Bittner on January 20, 1938, and to that union three children were born: Norma, Kenneth and Alvin, who in turn blessed them with five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Clara loves quilting, gardening, baking and keeping scrapbooks, as well as being devoted to her family and supportive of her church and community; and,

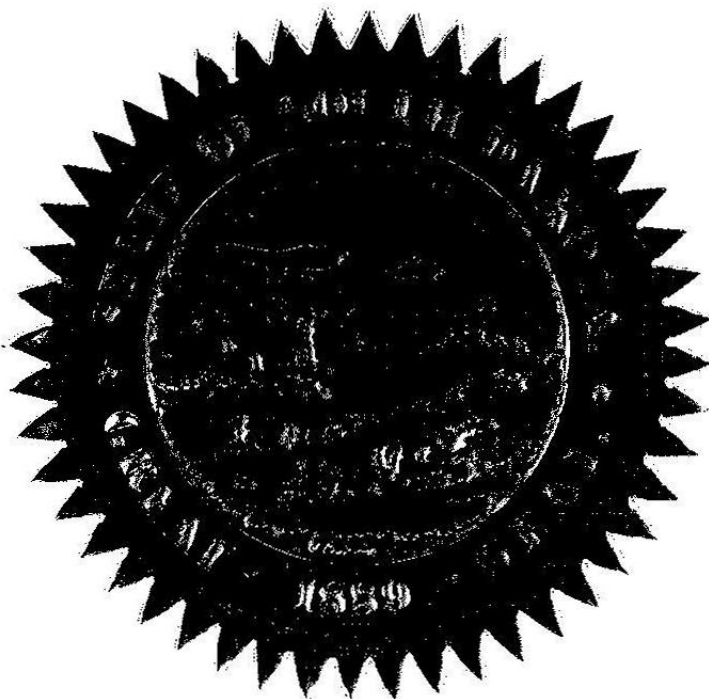
Whereas, Clara lives at Menno, South Dakota, and will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 24, 2006, as

CLARA BITTNER DAY


in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State